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SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GC: ITEMS 12.4 AND 63: DRAFT RESOLUTION
ON NEW ECONOMIC ORDER

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1. DEPT REGRETS THAT IT MUST CONFIRM INSTRUCTION TO VOTE AGAINST BELGIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION (REF C) IF IT IS BROUGHT TO VOTE. WHILE WE CAN ENDORSE TACTIC OF ATTEMPTING TO PRE-EMPT THE FIELD FROM MORE RADICAL LDCS, BELGIANS HAVE DEVISED A TEXT WHICH IS EQUALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO US IN CERTAIN KEY PROVISIONS. FACED WITH THIS SITUATION, US INTERESTS WOULD BEST BE SERVED WERE BELGIANS TO WITHDRAW THEIR RESOLUTION AND IF NEGATIVE STANCE OF MAJOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WERE REFLECTED IN VOTE ON LDC DRAFT CONTAINED REF B. (SEE DISCUSSION SECTION OF POSITION PAPER FOR COUNTRIES, INCLUDING BELGIUM, WHICH HAVE ABSTAINED OR VOTED NO ON RESOLUTIONS DEALING WITH DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION IN OTHER FORUMS.)

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2. DELEGATION ALSO INSTRUCTED TO VOTE AGAINST LDC DRAFT

SUBMITTED REF B. FOLLOWING ARE OUR MAJOR OBJECTIONS:

OP PARA 1: WORDS "WITH SATISFACTION" CONNOTE CERTAIN DEGREE OF APPROVAL AND ARE THUS UNACCEPTABLE TO U.S. DEL

AUTHORIZED TO CONCUR IN "TAKING NOTE" OF DG'S REPORT.

OP PARA 2: AS NOTED IN POSITION PAPER, US DOES NOT APPROVE PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN IN DECLARATION. THIS PARA SHOULD ALSO MAKE RESOLUTION UNACCEPTABLE TO MOST OTHER MAJOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

OP PARA 3: WE DO NOT AGREE THAT WORK OF ANY UN BODY SHOULD BE "GUIDED BY" PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN DECLARATION.

OP PARA 5: (A) IN LIST OF CONCEPTS WHICH SHOULD FORM BASIS FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER (SUBPARA 1), CALL FOR "EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE FORMULATION...OF ALL DECISIONS" IS UNACCEPTABLE. THIS IS FAVORITE LDC THEME, AIMED AT VOTING ARRANGEMENTS IN IMF AND IBRD AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES IN WHICH WEIGHTED VOTING WORKS TO ADVANTAGE OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. CORRESPONDING PHRASE IN DECLARATION IS "FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY OF ALL COUNTRIES IN THE SOLVING OF WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS..." DCS ACCEPTED THIS LANGUAGE DURING NEGOTIATIONS ON UNDERSTANDING IT REFERRED TO JURIDICAL EQUALITY OF STATES.

(B) WE DO NOT AGREE WITH SUBPARA 2 THAT UNESCO'S PROGRAM SHOULD BE ORIENTED, ADAPTED AND STRENGTHENED "IN LINE WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION."

3. ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMENTS BASED ON DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING THAT DRAFTS WILL NOT BE SUBJECT OF EXTENDED NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT REACHING CONSENSUS ON EXTENSIVELY MODIFIED TEXTS. IF DEL FORESEES SUCH A SITUATION ARISING, IT SHOULD FEEL FREE TO REQUEST DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS ON POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TEXTS, PREFERRED LANGUAGE FOR PARAS NOT ALREADY COMMENTED ON, ETC. WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE SUCCESSFUL, GIVEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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